

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Monday in May has been designated as Sober Day USA: A Day of Awareness by the Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug Awareness; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i and across the country, communities have been devastated by the negative effects of alcohol and drug addiction, affecting Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the disease of alcohol and drug dependency is destroying our youth, creating numerous social problems and filling our jails; and

WHEREAS, drug and alcohol addiction is a disease that can be treated and overcome through a concerted effort by family, medical treatment and spiritual counseling; and

WHEREAS, the Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug Awareness was founded by Attorney Robert Shapiro and wife Linell, following the death of their eldest son, Brent; and

WHEREAS, the Brent Shapiro Foundation's mission is to become a national leader in the fight against drug and alcohol dependence by raising awareness through education, removing the stigma and isolation associated with this disease; and

WHEREAS, The Brent Shapiro Foundation is working toward prevention and early identification of those at high risk and finding more effective treatments and making treatment available to more people; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, the Brent Shapiro Foundation is joining with Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace to address the issues of substance abuse and addiction through music and art; and

WHEREAS, the "We Are 'Ohana-Songs of Hope Project" promotes healthy alternatives to drugs and alcohol, and features performing artists as role models, reaching hundreds of young people across our state; and

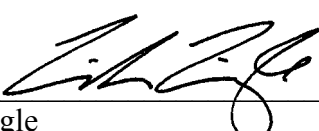
WHEREAS, this year, Sober Day USA: A Day of Awareness, will be celebrated on May 1, 2006, under the theme, "*Be Aware, We Care*,"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2006, as

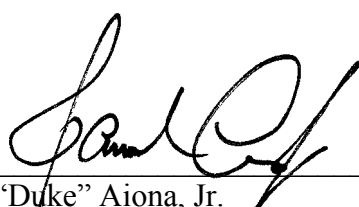
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in Hawai'i, and urge our citizens to motivate those seeking treatment, encourage those in treatment, and support those who have loved ones affected by this disease.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i